IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Proctor, Jr. et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING SOFT HANDOFF OF A CDMA

REVERSE LINK UTILIZING AN

ORTHOGONAL CHANNEL STRUCTURE

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2009.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: